

services in return. This GAO study will help us to have a better picture of the services that are being provided and what needs to be done to improve these important programs, and I look forward to reviewing it.

We should honor America's brave veterans and their families not only on Veterans Day, but throughout the year. As we reflect upon the meaning of this day, let us keep all of our veterans and their families in our thoughts. These men and women are examples of the best that our country has to offer, and they deserve our support both during times of conflict and after the battles have ended and our troops have come home.

JIM MARKS

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I welcome this opportunity to pay tribute to Jim Marks for his many years of dedicated public service at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as he prepares to take up an eminent new position as senior vice president and director of the Public Health Group and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Dr. Marks is a pediatrician and former Assistant Surgeon General who began his career more than 20 years ago at the CDC. He has worked effectively in the areas of birth defects prevention, reproductive health, nutrition, and health promotion and education, and rose through the ranks at CDC to a position of renown as one of America's leading experts on disease prevention. He was named director of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion in 1995, and this year he became the acting director of the CDC's Coordinating Center for Health Information and Service.

Dr. Marks has significantly improved public health through his leadership on critical health issues facing the Nation. He was instrumental in achieving the most impressive recent accomplishment in tobacco control and prevention: The decline in adolescent smoking after nearly a decade of rising rates of smoking in the 1990s. Under Dr. Marks' direction, CDC increased its commitment to reduce and prevent smoking, and transformed a piecemeal State-by-State approach into a true national effort. CDC developed standards for best practices and created the National Tobacco Control Program, which provides funds and technical support to State health departments. Under his leadership, 4 Surgeon General reports were released that highlight the full scope of tobacco-related deaths and disease. As a result of these efforts, cigarette sales dropped and States achieved a reduction in tobacco-related deaths from both lung cancer and heart disease. The CDC also now works closely with the World Health Organization to conduct the Global Youth Tobacco Survey, which is active in more than 160 countries and will be invaluable in developing the first international public health treaty.

On cancer, Dr. Marks has helped spearhead efforts to prevent cancer and promote early detection. Under his direction and with the support of Congress, the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control has grown from approximately \$123 million to over \$313 million.

Several specific accomplishments under Dr. Marks' leadership are worth mentioning. The National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program has helped uninsured and underinsured women obtain lifesaving screening and diagnostic testing for early detection. The program has achieved nearly 5 million screenings, and diagnosed 17,000 breast cancers, 61,000 precancerous cervical lesions, and 1,100 cervical cancers.

The National Program of Cancer Registries has been expanded to cover 96 percent of the Nation's population. The information gathered by the program is important for tracing cancer patterns and monitoring cancer trends. It guided State planning and State evaluation of cancer control programs and helps States to set priorities. It is also useful in planning clinical research and research on health and on epidemics. The data contributed as well to producing the official Federal report, "U.S. Cancer Statistics: 2000 Incidence."

The National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program was developed and has been expanded to 61 programs in States, territories and tribes, enabling local health agencies to establish broad-based cancer control coalitions.

Last year, under Dr. Marks, the plan called "A National Action Plan for Cancer Survivorship: Advancing Public Health Strategies" was developed in collaboration with the Lance Armstrong Foundation and national experts in cancer survivorship and public health. The Action Plan charts a course to enable the public health community to focus more effectively on cancer survivorship and on improving the quality of life for survivors.

In addition, Dr. Marks has emphasized science-based nutrition and physical activity as part of a greater effort to deal with the current epidemic of obesity in our Nation. He enthusiastically embraced the idea of a unique CDC partnership with the world of commercial youth marketing, which led to the so-called VERB Campaign, to move American youth off the couch and into healthy activities. The VERB campaign is a "for kids/by kids" voice to reach youth between the ages of 9 and 13 with "cool" messages to discover the fun of being physically active—and do it "anywhere, anytime, and any way." As a result, after 1 year, 74 percent of this youth now recognize and like the VERB brand.

Dr. Marks has been an outstanding leader on the major public health issues of our time. His pioneering work has improved the health of communities across the Nation and improved the quality of life for countless fami-

lies and children. His strong commitment and wise counsel have educated all of us in Congress. I wish him well, and I look forward to his continuing leadership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

(At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

THE DEATH OF JANE E. MITCHELL

• Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I wish to honor the life of a truly great woman, Jane E. Mitchell. She passed away on Saturday, November 13, after 83 years of standing up for the rights of others. Her impact on the State of Delaware is profound, and her spirit everlasting.

Many in Delaware know Jane Mitchell as the wife of Littleton "Lit" Mitchell, Delaware's first African-American lawyer and a remarkable force in the civil rights movement. With all of his astounding accomplishments, though, Lit never made a decision without talking it over with Jane. She may not have had his public profile, but she certainly knew the intricacies of the issues and just how much was at stake.

Far beyond her role as the wife of an influential man, Jane Mitchell was an extraordinary person in her own right. Her life is a story of achievement—each one greater than the last. In her nursing career, Jane began making history by being the first African-American at Delaware State Hospital to treat both black and white patients. Her career led her to become the first African-American nursing director in the State, and she was eventually the president of the State Board of Nursing and vice-president of the Delaware Nurses Association before her retirement.

After retiring, Jane Mitchell devoted her life to volunteering. Her causes were numerous, and she was passionately committed to each. She continued her work in medicine and civil rights, and became a powerful voice in the fight to improve the treatment of the mentally ill. In 1998, a building was erected in her name at the Delaware Psychiatric Center.

Jane E. Mitchell has been described as a pioneer, a trailblazer and a heroine. She devoted her life to promoting the welfare of others. Whether it was in her role as nurse, advocate, volunteer or wife and mother, Jane never wavered in her enthusiasm for doing good and making a difference. I am saddened by her passing, yet she continues to inspire me. Jane Mitchell's legacy is great, and I am honored to recognize her today. •

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

JENNIFER STEENSEN FIELD OF DREAMS THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM

• Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask the U.S. Senate to join me in saluting